

never get hired because you're Black.'" Likewise, a woman business owner explained: I have gone on interviews where I am in . . . the running, three people, final cut. And I have spoken to this person about the job and they were questioning me about my skill, my everything, why I bid the job. I'm looking at this person as, 'What do you mean why, I bid this job? . . . I'm in the business of making money' . . . and he said to me, 'Well, you know, women just simply shouldn't be here.'" Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Disparity Study, Volumes 1–3, Prepared for the State of Maryland, NERA Economic Consulting, June 25, 2018, at 276–277. This is what women and minority entrepreneurs are up against. We must do better. We can do better. And the DBE program is one of the most important tools in our arsenal.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE LEAD ABATEMENT FOR FAMILIES ACT

**HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Lead Abatement for Families Act along with my colleague, AYANNA PRESSLEY.

It is a national scandal that more than ten million homes in the United States still get their water from lead pipes. I am introducing this bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to identify lead pipes in our country's public and federally subsidized housing and provide grants to replace them.

A 2015 study determined that by the third grade, children in Chicago with even small amounts of lead in their blood were more than 32% more likely to fail standardized tests. One fifth of U.S. children with lead poisoning are participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, so HUD's role in removing lead pipes are crucially important. It is vitally important that Congress address this injustice by giving HUD the mandate and the funds to quickly eliminate this public health hazard.

Let us be clear—this is a racial justice issue. Black and brown communities like mine are disproportionately affected by lead pipes, and our neighborhoods suffer the consequences.

I urge this body to advance this legislation that helps ensure safe drinking water for all by getting lead pipes out of public and federally assisted housing.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND  
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER  
RICHARDSON, JR.

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a beloved Alabamian, Reverend George Washington Carver Richardson, Jr. Dr. Richardson passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2020. Dr. Richardson was deeply devoted to the Lord, a loving husband and father, and a strong voice for the community. He will be dearly missed by all.

Dr. Richardson was born in Geiger, Alabama, to George and Louise Richardson. At the early age of four years old, Dr. Richardson began preaching. He spent his early years preparing to enter Ministry, and he went on to earn his BA Degree, Bachelor of Theology, Masters of Divinity, Masters in Religious Education, Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Humane Letters, Existential Degree, and L.C.U. Degree all from various institutes.

Dr. Richardson's faithfulness to spreading the Gospel never wavered as he traveled across the United States, preaching to crowds, conducting workshops, and leading seminars. He served as Pastor to several churches, but he led the Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church for almost forty years.

Not only was Dr. Richardson devoted to the Church, but also to the community. He worked towards the betterment of mankind his entire life through his involvement with the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. Richardson served on several Civic Boards and Committees, such as the SCLC, NAACP, and Montgomery Improvement Association. He also helped spearhead the Selma Movement from beginning to end, participating in marches and demonstrations in the area, including Bloody Sunday.

In 1967, Dr. Richardson moved to Bessemer, Alabama and became the first African American to campaign for a major political office, running for the Office of Mayor. His campaign paved the way for future African American leaders to take leadership positions in the city of Bessemer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Reverend George Washington Carver Richardson, Jr. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered, and his remarkable legacy will be remembered for years to come.

#### HONORING TAMMY SHEPHERD'S RETIREMENT

**HON. JODY B. HICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Tammy Shepherd, who is retiring from the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, a thriving organization serving a notable community in the Tenth Congressional District, which I have the honor of representing.

Twelve years ago, Tammy Shepherd joined the organization as the Director of Programs and soon after received a promotion to Vice President of Business Development. In 2010, she earned the position of President and CEO, and over the past decade, she has established the Chamber as a leading business organization representing companies of all sizes throughout the region. Under her faithful watch, the Chamber has grown to nearly 1,000 members, has twice earned the highest distinction of 5-Star Accreditation through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, has formed the Columbia County Chamber Foundation, as well as a holding company and a Political Action Committee, and most recently, has opened a second location in the heart of Columbia County's growth.

Madam Speaker, in addition to all this, Tammy has served on the Board of Directors

for the SRS Community Reuse Organization, Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, Alliance for Fort Gordon, and Georgia Southern Athletic Foundation. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tammy Shepherd for her outstanding leadership in a community that continues to experience tremendous growth and to wish her and her husband, Stan, joy and continued success in the years to come.

#### JULY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month, Major Ralph Wilson.

A pilot in the United States Air Force, Major Ralph Wilson honorably served our nation for twenty years. Upon returning home from service, Ralph continued to serve at the Tinker Air Force Base for twenty years.

Major Ralph Wilson served in both World War II and the Korean War. He flew sixty-nine missions in World War II and fifty in the Korean War. Major Wilson flew unarmed reconnaissance missions in Korea. He is the recipient of numerous awards and is a decorated airman. When asked about his service by the Tulsa World, he explained, "I never considered myself a hero, I just did my part." Major Ralph Wilson served his country selflessly, and he now carries himself with dignity and humility in his community. He is certainly part of the "Greatest Generation."

In addition to working at the Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, Wilson developed a hobby of woodworking and volunteered with local schools helping children build projects. He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Major Ralph Wilson as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month.

#### INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 1045

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, this past Saturday marked the 25th anniversary of the genocide that took place at Srebrenica. In 1992, following Bosnia and Herzegovina's declaration of independence from Yugoslavia, Bosnian Serb forces, also called the Army of Republika Srpska, attacked Eastern Bosnia in order to unify and secure Serb territory. During this struggle for control, those Bosnian Serb forces committed crimes of ethnic cleansing and the systematic murder of the non-Serb population. Over 8,000 Bosnian men and boys were systematically executed at Srebrenica in July 1995.

The House of Representatives rightfully classified the atrocities that happened in Srebrenica and other policies of aggression